

Rights of Way of the Town of Rockport
Minutes of the Meeting of November 24, 2014
Approved
Rockport Town Hall

The meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, Tom Kerans presiding.

Members Present:

Tom Kerans, Marcia Siegel, Mary Devaney, Jill Solomon, Phil Morrow, Bill Mueller,

Members Absent: Jane Moginot

Attendees: Ted Tarr, Phyllis Krenn, Zenas Seppala

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of 10-27-2014 were approved.

Honoring of Ann Sheinwald at Town Meeting

Ann Sheinwald, who recently died, was the Founder of ROW and active in Rockport. We would like to honor her at the town meeting. Marcia will draft a tribute to be read.

Land Use Seminar

The seminar will be held Thursday, December 4, 2014 at the Police Station.

Bill was asked to set the Agenda. It will include discussion of questions previously submitted by ROW, ConCom, and the Open Space Committee

Woodland Acres

We voted unanimously to support the acquisition of this 50 acres of wetlands, trails, and open space next to the Curtis Street Tracks. Tom will write a letter expressing ROW's desire to see this property added to our conservation area.

November Volunteer Day

A work day will be held at Reed's Lane and from Phillips Avenue to the T-trail to Los Angeles, then on to Oakland. Clearing and clean up are needed. The DelaRussos appear to be using the south side of the Reeds Lane for garden trash. It is not breaking down and become unsightly. We will revisit this.

Hooper Property

Jill will draft a letter reworking Matt's letter to Mrs. Cobb regarding rerouting the right of way. She will bring it to the January meeting for review.

Oakland and Sacramento

Both paths completely overgrown and impassible
Tom will put in a work order to DPW.

Management Report

Budget

\$1662.00 must be spent by June 30, 2015

We have a \$1900 credit with Matt Natti

\$2756.00

Only expenditure this fiscal year \$548 to Gloucester Graphics

Other Special Revenue: Rights of Way Gifts

\$4124.37 is the balance of gift account.

Captains Reports**Cathedral Avenue**

Cathedral problems with signage and resident feuds remain unresolved. There was agreement that the present situation discourages the public from using what is a town right of way. We will revisit this in January

Signs

Tom did an inventory of the signs stored in the shed. There are 29 signs which are in excellent condition.

Two are for the Atlantic Path and read Atlantic Foot Path,

Two read Flat Rock Point Path.

Work order to DPW: Place Atlantic Path sign at Cathedral, Place signs at Oakland and Sacramento

New Business**Blocked Path**

Someone is building a house on what would have been the Rowe Avenue Extension.

This blocks a former right of way, given up by the town for no apparent reason, which connected the Landmark Lane Water Tower and Park to Rowe Avenue. No action was recommended at this time, but a rerouted path was discussed.

South End

The Board of Appeals made a deal with the owner of a newly built house to retain a path from the South End Water Tower trail to Ridgewood Road. Ted Tarr recommended that someone from ROW talk to the landowner regarding blazing an alternate path since the house blocks the old one. We'll take this up in January

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Devaney
Secretary